



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Cotton Bolls Opening

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 14, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dough	98	91	95	95
Corn Dented	80	66	88	81
Corn Mature	41	16	51	44
Corn Harvested	4	2	0	6
Cotton Squaring	87	81	93	97
Cotton Setting Bolls	64	59	78	79
Cotton Bolls Opening	4	0	20	10
Peanuts Pegged	79	64	79	74
Soybeans Blooming	86	77	86	87
Soybeans Setting Pods	48	36	69	64

N/A – Not Applicable

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	10	14	33	39	4
Cotton	8	16	30	41	5
Peanuts	6	16	35	38	5
Soybeans	2	7	28	60	3
Livestock	2	6	30	58	4
Pasture & Range	3	14	33	44	6

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.8	5	7	86	2
District 20	5.8	4	29	67	0
District 30	5.6	0	16	84	0
District 40	4.7	3	31	60	6
District 50	6.1	1	21	76	2
District 60	6.2	12	28	58	2
State: Current Week	5.5	5	22	71	2
State: Previous	5.7	11	28	59	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald E. Mann, Farmer Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), said Jackson County failed to receive any significant rainfall this past week. Carol Gay,

FSA CED, said rain fell in Clay and Randolph Counties, which helped some areas, but heat pulled the moisture back out of the ground. Jack Tatum, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said rain still is needed in places that remain extremely dry. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station, reported 2.5 inches of rain received at the service center. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said vegetable growers are preparing for their fall gardens. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said areas that have received rain continue to receive showers; however, other areas are completely dry with burned pastures. Carolyn Bradley, FSA Program Technician (PT), said farmers in Conecuh County still are struggling from the dry weather; however, they can now see some benefits from the July rainfall.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Lana Atkinson, FSA PT, said corn is ready for harvest, and most producers will start harvesting this week in Lauderdale County. She added that early planted corn looks very good, but late planted corn is not as full. Thomas D. Atkinson, FSA CED, said cotton, soybeans, and pastures benefitted from recent rains in Madison County; corn harvest has begun, and yields are expected to vary greatly depending on when the crop was planted. He added that some early planted corn yield is expected to be worse than late planted corn due to the hot, dry weather in June. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said crops are looking better due to the rain and cooler temperatures; however, some corn was damaged by the hot, dry weather and was harvested for silage in Marion and Winston Counties. Mann said there are isolated areas of Jackson County where cotton and soybeans are hurting from the lack of moisture.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Dawn Hoagland, FSA CED, said army worms have affected some pasture and hay land in Blount, Jefferson, and Walker Counties. Mann said, areas in Jackson County will need rain this coming week to keep pastures progressing. Moore said some parts of the service area are still dry and need rain, especially pastures. High temperatures continue to persist throughout the Blackbelt, which is normal, but scattered afternoon showers are causing delays in cutting and baling hay, said Jackson. Glover said pastures and animals look good in areas that have received rain. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said producers in Clarke and Washington Counties are just now getting their first cutting of hay. The yields on the first cutting of hay are good due to the recent rains, said Hendry. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, said pastures are in poor condition despite afternoon showers. Charles Simon, ACES County Executive Coordinator, said hay cannot be cut in Covington County due to the rain. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said the hot summer days are bringing scattered showers almost daily in Crenshaw County.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, August 8, 2011, to Sunday, August 14, 2011
(7 days)

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	82.4	0.77
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	81.7	0.15
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	81.9	0.52
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	82.0	0.09
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	80.0	0.07
Clayton	Clayton	AL	84.3	0.03
Coden	Coden	AL	82.9	1.69
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	82.0	0.74
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	83.0	0.84
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	82.4	0.05
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	82.5	1.96
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	82.6	0.70
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	80.7	0.18
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	79.9	1.75
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	80.4	1.95
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	84.9	0.20
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	83.9	2.18
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	82.4	1.40
Robertsdale	Robertsdale	AL	84.1	0.26
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	81.0	0.52
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	81.0	1.78
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	79.7	1.98
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	79.6	0.64

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 9, 2011

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.04	66.96	56.78	37.72	4.50	0.00
Last Week (08/02/2011 map)	23.41	76.59	57.81	37.72	5.78	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/10/2011 map)	52.58	47.42	38.00	28.61	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (08/03/2010 map)	35.81	64.19	22.48	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

